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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

B. M. Jewell, president of the Car Repairers' union, admonishes the public to get on their walking shoes, in view of the railroad strike, October 30th. The public ought to be able to walk as long as the brakeman's brother-in-law can get along without breakfast.

The higher institutions of learning in the state have been running nearly a month now. Outside of painting class numerals on fences, and ducking freshmen in nearby creeks, little has been accomplished.

Organization of the gawff club grows apace. To most people gawff has all the thrills of leap frog.

The fat and snazzy Mr. Arbuttle is writing a scenario for a movie, and outside of the nutty women who wanted to kiss him, when he first got out of jail nobody wants to see it.

"The Old Nest" is a wonderful picture, and, it is indeed a hardboiled chicken who can view it, and not go right home and wash the dishes for her Ma.

Marching along with the weather, Mica Mamaek, pulled a .38 calibre coal mine on the masses Sunday. It was a quick draw from the hip-pocket.

HAIRPULLING BARRED.

(Eugene Register.)

Once more the social life in Eugene is decidedly astir. There were not enough days in the week for even the big events without conflicts.

The churches are seeking a \$5,000,000 fund to carry on revival meetings this winter, and pay the evangelists. The regular preachers all have their salaries paid to date.

A bug is a 4d, remodeled on low, rakish lines, with a seat for one by day, and two by night.

The Chinese pheasant season has opened, and the wise farmer keeps his roosters locked up. A class that can't tell a man from a deer, is liable to err.

TARDINESS REWARDED.

(Harrisburg News.)

A deaf and dumb man, late from Texas, is working for Mr. Papefnus.

THE TERRORS OF POETRY.

(Yaquina Bay News.)

Some say the trouble's due no doubt To taxes taking profit out; Too much is left to "George" some think, Turned over with grimaces and wink. Another reason given is: To take firm stand would hurt one's "biz";

And one remarks 'in prayers we need, If we would as a town succeed; While some declare Front Street objects

To all Nye Beach and Hill projects; Or 'tis a tourist town—enough— The rendezvous of sport and tough; Upon the old some lay the blame, So many here not in the game; The reasons given are galore, E'en that, queer folks live at the shore—

But listen do, while I insist That same types everywhere exist. And let me add this to the rest— All readers may at will contest, The fault's not one of town, my dears: It's INDIVIDUAL arrears. Our sidewalks we'll admit are punk Some citizen lacks coin or spunk; And taxes are unjust we say— Who voted on election day? If things are not what they should be What's MY responsibility? And so ad infinitum.

—Miss Campbell

WHAT IS NORMALCY?

SPEAKING of normalcy, we note in a contemporary that normalcy is a synonym for selfishness. Returning to normalcy is declared to be returning to dollar diplomacy,—whatever that is.

Not at all. Normally Uncle Sam is an idealist, and returning to normalcy, means returning to a sane and constructive idealism. The only trouble with some of the idealism of the past, was that it had drifted far afield from reality. It had, as the saying goes, gone to seed. It had, through sentimentality, lost connection with its line of communications,—this line having root in human aspiration, which keeps its feet on the ground.

John Hay was an idealist. He was a pioneer in placing American diplomacy on an unselfish plane. The United States was the first world power to practice genuine altruism. She returned her Boxer indemnity to China, she returned Cuba to her own people, she entered the world war, to protect the weak against the strong, and uphold the right against the wrong.

"There is no better way for America to serve Europe than for her to remain just what she is; namely, a nation having an ideal and defending it."

This is the pronouncement of Marshal Foch in a recent interview about the coming arms conference.

After so intense a period of concentration on ideals, so tense a strain on the emotional nature, the reaction into cynicism which we have seen in the last couple of years has been, perhaps, only what was to have been expected. But the heart of the nation has begun to beat once more after its collapse. Everywhere are to be seen signs of reviving sanity and idealism. Health is returning to the public mind and strength to the public soul.

An arms conference of this nature a year ago would have been a failure. This year it may be a success. It can be so only if America remembers that idealism is her very lifeblood, that holding visions beyond those of other nations is her normal state. Only by being normal, and herself, can she help the world.

Quill Points

An elastic currency is one that will stretch until next pay day.

There are always showers for the bride, but the groom catches thunder.

Thrift is the art of not caring a darn what people think about the way you dress.

The conviction that one American can lick three of any other race is surplus war material.

Men who can't get free space to exhibit their sore spots like to call it the "capitalistic press."

Historical note: Long, long ago, a girl became very indignant when a male person endeavored to hold her hand.

Reports from New York alcoholic wards indicate that Wall Street isn't the only place where things are tight.

The continuous strategic retreat of the Turks seems to bear out the story that they were trained by German officers.

If there are actually eight million idle men in the country, there are almost enough men available to enforce prohibition.

For the sake of world harmony, let us hope that Washington hotel keepers will not present their bills until the conference is over.



THE MODERN GIRL.

THE other day while chasing along the thoroughfare, my old bus blew a casing and I was stranded there. I heaved a sigh abysmal, and started to perspire, and life seemed bleak and dismal—I hate to change a tire. For I am old and cheesey, my hinges groan and crack, my ancient lungs are wheezy, and cricks are in my back. With rusty jack I wallowed upon the baking soil, and, toiling there, I swallowed about a quart of oil. Then on her motorcycle up came Jimima Blair; "Well, in the name of Michael," she said, "you've grief to spare! Your clothes you're disarranging, your whiskers are on fire; you are not built for changing a non-skid rubber tire. Go, rest—for rest is bracing—beneath you sycamore, and I will change the casing, so don't swear any more." And I had said this maiden was frivolous and vain, a modern female laden with isms most insane. Because she was athletic, and wore a mannish hat, I'd said it was pathetic to see a girl like that. Because she rode her pony, one leg on either side, I'd said she was too phony to be a good youth's bride. "I will not let you wrestle," I said, "with my old seow; man is the stronger vessel, in theory anyhow. But since you've made the offer, I doff my hat to you; and I'm the champion doffer when great souls are in view."

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SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

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If you want to do a thing wrong, do it when you're mad.

People who brag about their ancestors confess there is nothing to brag about themselves.

The best way to boost yourself is to boost the man you are working for.

The more you know about medicine, the less respect you have for it.

Whipping eggs in the back is a noisy way to improve over making it on your back.

When a man gets hot in an argument, it is a sign he is running out of reasons.

HEZ HECK SAYS:

"A feller don't make much stock in angels after he marries one."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—Of what origin is the word cafe? 2—What is calceolary? 3—What was the most hotly contested battle of the Civil war? 4—How did court-plaster get its name? 5—What is the highest branch of mathematics called? 6—From what is chicle obtained? 7—From what ore is mercury principally obtained? 8—Where do we get most of our oysters? 9—Into how many classes are all teeth divided? 10—What college in Washington, D. C. is devoted exclusively to education of the deaf?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions: In what city was the first steel frame skyscraper built? Ans. Chicago. 2—What is sarcenet? Ans. It is a fine, thin silk used for linings. 3—What is a siliograph? Ans. It is a permanent shadow picture produced by Roentgen rays passing through the object and falling upon a sensitive photograph film? 4—What is a dowager? Ans. A widow holding property or title derived from her late husband. 5—What sort of a person is a supercilious one? Ans. One who exhibits haughty contempt or indifference. 6—What city in Cuba ranks next to Havana in size? Ans. Cienfuegos. 7—What coffee is grown in Arabia? Ans. Real Mocha. 8—Who invented the mimeograph? Ans. Thomas A. Edison. 9—From what material is corduroy manufactured? Ans. Cotton. 10—How many times can a copyright be renewed? Ans. Only once.

Quotations You Should Know

I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death. Patrick Henry, 1736-1799.



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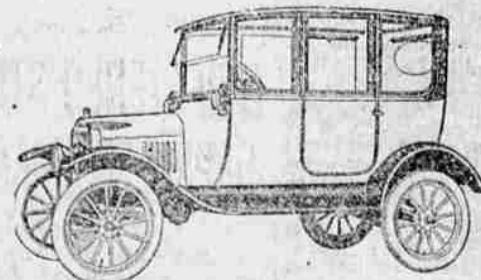
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